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FOREWORD

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This four-volume installment of AIR UNIVERSITY HISTORY records the important developments and problems of Air University during January-June 1958. Volume I consists of six chapters covering the following subjects: mission and organization, education and research, board meetings and conferences, personnel developments, facilities and supporting services (materiel). The final chapter, School for Professionals, formed the basis of an article prepared by the Historical-OIS activity of this headquarters for the August 1958 issue of Air Force Magazine. Additional narrative materials follow that chapter concerning important events of this period including the establishment of "The Air University Award" and the first recipients.

Volumes II-IV contain pertinent supplementary and supporting papers important for purposes of historiography covering the time period of this history. Volume II consists of general orders, quarterly program summaries, mission assessment reports, weekly activity reports of the DCS/Operations, and copies of official reports describing the command's research and progress as well as an annotated list of student research. Volume III provides still other data such as personnel statistical digests, miscellaneous historical reports, and supporting documents for the first chapter of this history. Finally, Volume IV provides copies of supporting documents covering Chapters 2 through 6 of the narrative.

The Command Historian suggests that staff officials, faculty members, researchers, and others make full use of the unit histories of this command too. These unit histories provide considerable excellent information pertinent to the overall command operations. Such histories of this command are located in the archives of the USAF Historical Division in Building 914, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. The following principal Air University organizational histories are available: Air War College; Air Command and Staff College; School of Aviation Medicine, USAF (Randolph); School of Aviation

Medicine, USAF (Gunter); Air Force Institute of Technology; Air Force ROTC; Extension Course Institute, USAF; Research Studies Institute; Air University Library; 3800th Air Base Wing; and 3894th School Group. Medical developments depicting the activities of the Surgeon (command office) and the USAF Hospital Maxwell are available in separate semiannual reports.

The historian extends thanks to personnel of Headquarters Air University and the mission organizations for their continued excellent support and assistance in the compilation of these historical data. Col. Laurence H. Macauley, Chief, OIS, and Lt. Col. George L. Stanton, Deputy Chief, OIS, continued to give their usual excellent guidance and support. Mrs. Juliette D. Pearce, Publications Editor (Typing) of this office performed effective writing and stenographic support in addition to accomplishing many details required in the final assembly of this history. Personnel of the Photographic Laboratory used their resources in their usually fine cooperative manner to supply necessary services in photographic and copy work.

The history was reviewed as in the past by division chiefs and their assistants in the principal staff agencies. Their suggestions and comments have been incorporated in the preparation of the final historical narrative. As with other Air University histories, additional information and suggestions will be welcomed.

Maxwell Air Force Base
Montgomery, Alabama
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Command Historian

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL DEAN C. STROTHER, USAF, 591A

Lt. Gen. Dean C. Strother was born on 12 February 1908 at Winfield, Kansas, the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Strother. After graduating from Winfield High School, he attended Southwestern College for two years. In 1927 he received an appointment to the United States Military Academy from which he was graduated in June 1931 and commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry.

In September 1931, he enrolled in the Air Corps Primary Flying School at Randolph Field, Texas, and graduated in June 1932. He then entered the Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, Texas, from which he was graduated in October 1932 as a pilot. A month later he was assigned to the 55th Squadron of the 20th Pursuit Group at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, and in January 1933 was transferred to the Air Corps. The following April he became post athletic officer at Barksdale Field. While at this station, he married Miss Julia Taylor of Austin, Texas.

From March to May 1934, he was on airmail duty and assigned to the Air Mail Detachment of the Municipal Airport at Chicago, Illinois. In March 1935, he returned to his assignment at Barksdale Field, becoming engineering officer of the 55th Pursuit Squadron. Two years later he joined the Air Corps Detachment at Sherman Field, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as instrument flying instructor and assistant engineering officer. He went to Luke Field, Hawaii, in July 1937, where he flew Douglas B-18 and Martin B-12 bombers with the 72d Bombardment Squadron.

General Strother was assigned to Randolph Field as flying instructor at the Air Corps Training Center in March 1939. In July 1940, he became assistant adjutant of the Gulf Coast Air Corps Training Center at Randolph Field, and in February 1941, was named post adjutant. He became assistant director of training at the center in November 1941.

In July 1942, he became staff fighter officer of the U. S. Army Forces in the South Pacific area, and when the Thirteenth Air Force was organized in January 1943,

LIEUTENANT GENERAL DEAN C. STROTHER, USAF, 591A (continued)

he was appointed chief of the Fighter Command. From July to December 1943, he headed an expanded outfit, the Solomon Island Fighter Command, directing U. S. Army, Navy, and New Zealand fighters who helped turn back the Japanese threatening Australia. His work there won him the Distinguished Service Medal. In January 1944, he served a short tour of duty as commanding general of the San Francisco Fighter Wing, San Francisco, California.

In February 1944, General Strother flew to Italy to command the 306th Fighter Wing of the Fifteenth Air Force, and the following October, he assumed command of the 15th Fighter Command. For his services during this time he was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal.

From Italy General Strother personally led a United States fighter task force to Russia to provide direct assistance for the Russian offensive in the East. During this operation he won the Silver Star for gallantry in action. In June 1945, he was assigned to Air Transport Command Headquarters at Gravelly Point, Virginia, for indoctrination in ATC's policies and procedures.

In October 1945, General Strother assumed command of the West Coast Wing of Air Transport Command's Pacific Division, with headquarters at Hamilton Field, California. During January 1946, he was stationed at Hickam Field, Hawaii, as acting commanding general of the Pacific Division of ATC. He was then appointed commanding general of the West Coast Wing of Air Transport Command at San Francisco, California.

In August 1946, General Strother entered the National War College and graduated the following June. That same month he became chief of the Military Personnel Division of A-1 at Air Force Headquarters, and after the establishment of USAF Headquarters in September, was designated director of Military Personnel in the office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel at Air Force Headquarters in October 1950. A month later he was designated assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL DEAN C. STROTHER, USAF, 591A (continued)

General Strother was appointed special assistant to the commander-in-chief of the United States Air Force in Europe, with station at Wiesbaden, Germany, in March 1951, and later that month assumed command of the Twelfth Air Force, also at Wiesbaden. In addition, he was appointed commander of the 4th Allied Tactical Air Force in Central Europe, composed of French, Canadian, and United States tactical units allocated to SHAPE in April 1952. He was appointed deputy commander of Air University in October 1953 and acting commander of Air University in May 1955. On 6 June 1956, he was appointed commander of Air University.

General and Mrs. Strother have one daughter, Julia Ann, who was born in 1939.

DECORATIONS

Other than the decorations mentioned, General Strother has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Medal, European Theater Ribbon with five battle stars, the Asiatic Ribbon with three battle stars, the German Occupation Ribbon, Order of the British Empire, Croix de Guerre (French), and the Greek Distinguished Service Medal.

PROMOTIONS

1st lt (temp) 20 Apr 1935; 1st lt (perm) 1 Aug 1955; capt (perm) 11 Jun 1941; maj (temp) 15 Jul 1941; lt col (temp) 23 Jan 1942; col (temp) 12 Oct 1942; brig gen (temp) 4 May 1943; col (perm) 2 Apr 1948; maj gen (temp) effective 16 May 1949 with DOR 27 Sep 1943; brig gen (perm) effective 9 Oct 1951 with DOR 25 May 1951; maj gen (perm) effective 7 Apr 1954 with DOR 25 Mar 1951; lt gen (temp) effective 5 Sep 1956 with DOR 5 Sep 1956.

General Strother is rated a command pilot.

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT FREDERICK TATE, USAF, 363-A

Maj. Gen. Robert F. Tate was designated Commander, Air University, on 27 June 1958. He succeeded Lt. Gen. Dean C. Strother, who was reassigned to Headquarters USAF.

General Tate was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1905. He attended the United States Military Academy, graduating as a second lieutenant of Cavalry on 9 June 1928.

In September 1929, he began primary and basic flying training at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. Upon graduation from advanced flying school, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, he was transferred from the Cavalry to the Air Corps.

General Tate's first assignment was with the Third Attack Group, Fort Crockett, Texas. He enrolled in the Air Corps Technical School in June 1930, and after graduation a year later, returned to duty with the Third Attack Group as squadron engineering and operations officer and, later, as group adjutant.

In May 1937, General Tate went to France Field, Panama Canal Zone, where he served as adjutant, with additional duty as recruiting and press relations officer. Returning to the United States in July 1939, he commanded the 73d Bomb Squadron, March Air Force Base, California, until he entered the Air Corps Tactical School in student status.

After graduation from the Air Corps Tactical School in 1940, he joined the 19th Bomb Group, March Air Force Base, as Commanding Officer of the 32d Bomb Squadron (H). In January 1942, he participated, as a pilot, in a special project conducted at Tampa, Florida.

April of 1942 saw General Tate as Commander of the Trans-India Ferry Command. Three months later, he became Executive Officer of the China-Burma-India Ferry Command, and in August 1942, he assumed command of that organization.

In January 1943, he was assigned as Theater Air Officer at the Forward Echelon of China-Burma-India Headquarters, Chungking, China. He served in this capacity until April 1944.

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT FREDERICK TATE, USAF, 363-A (continued)

Assignment as Assistant for Personnel and Organization, Organization and Requirements Division, AAF Headquarters, took General Tate to Washington in June 1944. In December of the same year, he became a member of the Operations Division of the War Department General Staff.

He entered the National War College in August 1946 and, upon graduation in June 1947, remained as a member of the faculty for a two-year period.

General Tate became Chief, USAF Group of the American Mission for Aid to Turkey in August 1949. He was transferred to Wiesbaden, Germany, in January 1951, as Deputy for Operations of the United States Air Forces in Europe.

He returned to Washington in September 1953, to become the Air Force Member of the Joint Strategic Survey Committee, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Three years later, he was assigned as Air War College Commandant.

General Tate is rated a command pilot and aircraft observer.

DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit, Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Chilean Order of Merit, and the Chinese Order of Un Hai.

PROMOTIONS

1st lt (perm), 26 Feb 1934; capt (temp), 20 Apr 1935; reverted to rank of 1st lt, 16 Jun 1936; promoted to capt (perm), 9 Jun 1938; maj (temp), 31 Jan 1941; lt col (temp), 5 Jan 1942; col (temp), 1 Mar 1942; maj (perm), 9 Jun 1945; col (perm), 2 Apr 1948; brig gen (temp), 27 Jul 1949; brig gen (perm), 9 Oct 1951, with DOR 29 Jul 1950; maj gen (temp), 9 Oct 1951, with DOR 22 Sep 1951.

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM JOHN CLINCH, USAF, 532A

Brig. Gen. William J. Clinch was born 11 June 1904 in Quincy, California. He graduated from Hitchcock Military Academy at San Rafael, California, in 1921, and attended the University of Nevada.

In October 1928, General Clinch was appointed a flying cadet. A year later he was graduated from primary and advanced flying schools and commissioned a second lieutenant of the Air Corps on 6 January 1930. He was assigned to the First Observation Squadron at Mitchel Field, New York. Entering the Mess Management School at the Presidio of San Francisco, California, in February 1931, after graduation he was assigned as mess officer of Crissy Field, California. After completing the photography course at the Air Corps Technical School, Chanute Field, Illinois, in 1934, General Clinch returned to Crissy Field as utilities officer for the 91st Observation Squadron.

Going to Luke Field, Hawaii, in December 1934, he served with the Fourth Observation Squadron and the 72d Bomb Squadron successively, and two years later was named transportation officer at Brooks Field, Texas. In January 1938, he became flying instructor and flight commander at Randolph Field, Texas, and in June 1940 was appointed adjutant of the Gulf Coast Training Center there. Transferred to Army Air Force Headquarters, Washington, D. C., in September 1941, he served as chief of the promotions unit, personnel division, until the following March when he was appointed executive officer of the military personnel division.

Ordered overseas in August 1944, General Clinch was named director of personnel and administration in the Pacific Ocean area. Returning to the United States in December 1945, he was named assistant chief of staff for personnel of the Air Transport Command at Gravelly Point, Virginia. The following September he entered the National War College, was graduated in June 1947, and became an intelligence staff officer for the Central Intelligence Agency. In November 1948, he was appointed executive to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, and the following October was named chief of staff of the Eighth Air Force at Carswell Air Force Base, Texas.

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM JOHN CLINCH, USAF, 532A (continued)

Assigned for duty with the Office of the Secretary of Defense in January 1951, General Clinch was deputy director of military personnel on the Personnel Policy Board, becoming director of the Military Personnel Policy Division, OSD, in May 1951. That August he was named Deputy Chief of Personnel and Administration of the Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; became director of personnel and training there in November 1951; and in March 1953 was redesignated Director, Personnel and Support Operations, AMC.

In March 1954, he became deputy commander of the Fifth Air Force in Korea. In May 1954, he was designated as special assistant to the commander of Fifth Air Force, for duty with the Military Armistice Commission in Korea. With the return of the Fifth Air Force Headquarters to Japan, he was assigned as deputy commander, Fifth Air Force (Advance) with additional duty with the Military Armistice Commission. In March 1955, he was transferred to Japan as Deputy Commander, Fifth Air Force.

General Clinch returned to the States and assignment as Deputy Commander for Education, Air University, at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, in September 1956,

General Clinch and his wife, the former Catherine Laughlin of Omaha, Nebraska, have one son, William J. Clinch, Jr., and one daughter, Felicia Catherine.

DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, Victory Medal WWII, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, and Philippine Independence Ribbon.

PROMOTIONS

Appointed 2d lt ORC 12 Oct 1929; 2d lt RA 6 Jan 1930; 1st lt RA 1 Aug 1935; capt RA 6 Jan 1940; maj AC 21 Mar 1941; 1t col AC 23 Jan 1942; maj AUS 28 Feb 1942; 1t col AUS 26 Aug 1942; col AUS 10 Jul 1943; maj RA 6 Jan 1947; col USAF 2 Apr 1948; col AFUS 30 Jun 1948 with DOR 1 Mar 1942; brig gen AFUS 22 Dec 1950 with DOR 12 Dec 1950.

COLONEL BURTON WILMOT ARMSTRONG, JR., 1160A

Col. Burton W. Armstrong, Jr., became Air University Chief of Staff on 27 June 1958, succeeding Col. Herbert M. West, Jr., who was reassigned to Air Proving Ground Center.

A native Alabamian, Colonel Armstrong attended the University of Alabama, graduating in 1929. He began pilot training at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, in 1931, and the following year received his commission as a second lieutenant at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas.

From 1932 until 1937, he served in observation and bombardment tactical squadrons. During the next five years, he completed the engineering course at the Air Corps Technical School and filled various assignments as flight instructor, squadron commander, and group commander. In 1942, he completed the Empire Central Flying School course in England.

The years 1943-1946 saw him assigned, successively, as director of flying, director of training, and commandant of the Air Force's Central Instructor School at Randolph Air Force Base and Waco, Texas. In 1947, he graduated from the Air Command and Staff School and from the Naval War College in 1948.

The same year an overseas tour took Colonel Armstrong to Tokyo, where he served as Chief of the Air Division, Joint Strategic Plans and Operations Group, General Headquarters, Far East Command. Upon return to the United States in 1951, he went to Headquarters USAF as Chief, Personnel Procurement Division. He was assigned to the Air Command and Staff College as Special Assistant to the Commandant in January 1955, and reassigned as Chief of Staff of the college in September of the same year.

Colonel Armstrong came to Air University Headquarters in March 1956 to serve on the Commander's staff as Inspector General, the assignment he held prior to his designation as Chief of Staff.

Among other honors accorded Colonel Armstrong during his military career was the coveted MacKay Trophy Award presented in 1936. The trophy is awarded annually by the National Aeronautic Association to "the Air Force person or persons who made the most meritorious flight of the year."

COLONEL BURTON WILMOT ARMSTRONG, JR., 1160A (continued)

Colonel and Mrs. Armstrong, the former Eleanor Nolte of San Antonio, Texas, live on Maxwell Air Force Base with their two sons, Burton, III, and Walter.

DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit, Air Medal, European-African-Middle-Eastern Campaign Medal, American Defense Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army Occupation Medal (Japan), Korean Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal.

PROMOTIONS

2d lt, AC Res, 26 Feb 1932; 2d lt, RA, 11 Jul 1935; 1st lt, RA, 30 Jun 1938; capt, AUS, 4 Oct 1940; maj, AUS/AC, 5 Dec 1941; 1t col, AUS/AC, 13 May 1941; col, AUS/AC, 13 Aug 1943; 1t col, AUS, 11 Sep 1943; col, AUS, 1 Aug 1944; col, AFUS, 30 Jun 48; 1t col, USAF, 2 Jul 1948; col, AFUS, 1 Feb 1951; col, Reg AF, 23 Jul 1952.

COLONEL PAUL T. HANLEY, 1068A

Col. Paul T. Hanley became Commandant, Air Command and Staff College, in June 1958, succeeding Maj. Gen. Lloyd P. Hopwood, who was reassigned to Headquarters USAF. Immediately prior to his new assignment, Colonel Hanley served for a brief period as Vice Commandant of the college.

Colonel Hanley was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, in August 1910. He finished high school in Atlanta, Georgia, and enrolled in Emory University. While attending Emory, he received an appointment to the U. S. Military Academy. He graduated from the academy in June 1934 and received his commission as second lieutenant in the Infantry.

The new Air Command and Staff College Commandant entered Primary Flying School at Ransolph Air Force Base, Texas, in October 1934, and graduated from Advanced Flying School, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, a year later.

Since that time, Colonel Hanley has filled a variety of military assignments both in the United States and in overseas areas. From 1935 until 1938, he served with the 19th Bombardment Group and 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, and from 1939 until 1943, with the Technical Training Command.

During ensuing years, he saw duty as Chief of the U. S. Air Mission to Chile; with the Caribbean Defense Command; as instructor, Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; in the Air Inspector's office, Headquarters USAF; as Air Attache to Italy; on the Joint Staff; and with the Plans Division, Headquarters USAF.

Prior to his assignment to the Air Command and Staff College, Colonel Hanley acted as Deputy Commander, 314th Air Division (Pacific Air Force), Osan Air Base, Korea.

He is a graduate of the Air Corps Technical School (Maintenance Engineering) (1939), the Strategic Intelligence School (1948), and Air War College (1949). He has also attended the Graduate School of the University of Maryland as a student in Government and Politics.

Colonel Hanley is rated a command pilot and senior aircraft observer.

COLONEL PAUL T. HANLEY, 1068A (continued)

Colonel and Mrs. Hanley, the former Willa Richey, have two daughters: Heather Jo and Sheila Tierney. The Hanleys live on Maxwell Air Force Base.

DECORATIONS

Colonel Hanley's decorations include the Legion of Merit, Air Medal, and Commendation Ribbon. He has also been awarded decorations by the governments of Chile, Italy, and Korea.

PROMOTIONS

2d lt (perm), 12 Jun 1934; 1st lt (perm), 12 Jun 1937; capt (temp), 12 Jun 1940; capt (perm), 12 Jun 1944; maj (temp), 23 Jul 1941; lt col (perm), 2 Jul 1948; col (perm), 19 Oct 1949.

COLONEL CLYDE C. HARRIS, JR., 1578A

Col. Clyde C. Harris, Jr., became the 3800th Air Base Wing Commander on 5 May 1958, succeeding Col. Mills S. Savage. Immediately prior to assuming command of the wing, Colonel Harris served as Deputy Wing Commander.

The Wing Commander is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He came to Maxwell in March 1958 from the Ogden Air Materiel Area, Ogden, Utah, where he held the position of Inspector General. Prior to entering the service in 1930, Colonel Harris attended the University of Alabama.

Colonel Harris won his wings at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. His first active duty was at Fort Crockett, Texas, with the 3d Attack Group. Since that time, he has served on many Air Force bases both overseas and in the United States.

During World War II, Colonel Harris spent 30 months in the European Theater. This tour began in England, extended to France and eventually to Germany. While in Germany, Colonel Harris organized and commanded the European Air Depot at Erding. He returned to the United States in July 1946.

A Washington, D. C., tour followed during the period 1946-1949. The first two years of this time Colonel Harris served at the Pentagon as Director of Maintenance Engineering, Deputy Chief of Staff, Materiel. In 1948, he entered the Industrial College, Fort Leslie McNair, Washington, D. C., graduating in the class of 1948-1949.

After completing the Industrial College course, he was assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and, subsequently, to Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pennsylvania, as Director of Maintenance Engineering for the depot there.

Another overseas assignment took Colonel Harris to the Far East in 1953. He served two years at Clark Air Force Base as Vice Commander of the Philippine Air Depot. Upon his return to the States, he was assigned to the Ogden Air Materiel Area, where he served until his transfer to Maxwell Air Force Base.

COLONEL CLYDE C. HARRIS, JR., 1578A (continued)

Colonel and Mrs. Harris, the former Lessie Mares of Bossier, Louisiana, have one child, Jo Ann, 10 years of age.

DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and Palm, Commendation Medal with Second Palm, and the French Croix de Guerre, Avec Palm.

PROMOTIONS

2d lt, Air Res., 29 Jun 1932; 1st lt, Air Res., 4 Jan 1938; 1st lt, AUS, 9 Sep 1940; capt, AUS, 1 Feb 1942; maj, AUS (AC), 1 Mar 1942; lt col, AUS (AC), 1 Dec 1942; maj, AUS, 20 Sep 1943; col, AUS (AC), 14 Jan 1944; col, AUS, 1 Aug 1944.

COLONEL LONNIE ELWYN MARTIN, 3030A

Col. Lonnie E. Martin was assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Air University, on 25 June 1958. This position was formerly held by Col. Edwin M. Ramage.

The new Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, came to Air University Headquarters on 20 July 1956 as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel.

A native of Baldwin County, Georgia, Colonel Martin graduated from Georgia Military College and attended the University of Georgia.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps on 30 November 1934, Colonel Martin first went on active duty in September 1940. During the following 16 months, he served as administrative officer and squadron commander at various stateside installations.

An overseas tour took Colonel Martin to the Pacific Theater in January 1942. While in the Pacific area, he filled several positions in Fifth Air Force, including Group Executive Officer, and Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, of Fifth Air Force Service Command and Far East Air Force Service Command. He returned to the United States in October 1944 and was assigned to Headquarters Air Service Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, where he served as Chief of the Control Group in the Office of the Adjutant General. He reverted to inactive status in May 1946.

Colonel Martin received his commission in the Regular Army (AC) in June 1946 and re-entered active duty the following month. At this time he was detailed to the General Staff Corps and assigned to the War Department in Washington, D. C.

After the Air Force became a separate branch of the service in 1947, Colonel Martin received an assignment in Headquarters USAF, where he served until the summer of 1950. In August of that year he entered the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, as a student. Upon graduation from the Armed Forces Staff College in 1951, he was again assigned to Headquarters USAF as Chief, Policy Division, Directorate of Personnel Planning.

COLONEL LONNIE ELWYN MARTIN, 3030A (continued)

In August 1953, Colonel Martin began duty with Headquarters Third Air Force, London, England, as Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, the position he held immediately prior to his Air University assignment.

Colonel and Mrs. Martin, the former Mattilee Stapleton of Weston, Georgia, have one daughter, Charlotte Louise.

DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal, Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Three Bronze Stars, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Reserve Medal, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

PROMOTIONS

Appointed 2d lt ORC, 30 Nov 1934; appointment accepted 8 Dec 1934; 1st lt ORC, 26 Feb 1938; capt AUS, 30 Jun 1942; maj AUS, 23 Aug 1943; lt col AUS, 9 Feb 1946; 1st lt RA, 12 Jul 1946; capt RA, 17 Jul 1947; maj AFUS, 30 Jun 1948; maj USAF, 3 Sep 1948; lt col AFUS, 15 Mar 1949; lt col USAF, 20 Oct 1950; col AFUS, 15 Aug 1951, with DOR 1 Aug 1951.

COLONEL SAMUEL S. RIDDLE, JR., 4386A

Col. Samuel S. Riddle, Jr., became Commander, 3894th School Group, on 6 June 1958, vice Col. Niven K. Cranfill, who was reassigned to Ankara, Turkey, for duty with the American Mission for aid to Turkey.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Colonel Riddle attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute, specializing in aeronautical engineering. He began pilot training as an aviation cadet on 26 June 1938 and received his commission 11 months later. During the ensuing six years from 1939 until 1945, he served with the Flying Training Command as flying instructor, director of flying, and director of training at Maxwell Air Force Base.

In February 1945, Colonel Riddle went to the Philippines and Okinawa as a member of the 310th Bomb Wing. He remained with the wing when it moved to Japan in August 1945. In February of the following year, he joined the Japanese Air Materiel Area as group commander. Upon his return to the United States in April 1948, he received an assignment to Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, as Chief, School Services Division, Air Tactical School, Air University.

A school tour at Air Command and Staff School brought Colonel Riddle to Maxwell Air Force Base in July 1949. After graduation from the school in December 1949, he remained at Maxwell, where he served, successively, as Chief, Protocol, Air University; Commander, 3899th Personnel Processing Squadron; and Commander, 3811th Air Base Group.

Transfer to Headquarters USAF in June 1951 took Colonel Riddle to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, with assignment as Chief of the Air Base Section.

On 15 February 1955, after receiving French language training as an Air Force Institute of Technology student, he departed for the West Indies, where he acted as Chief, USAF Mission to Haiti,

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Port-au-Prince. He held this assignment immediately prior to beginning his present Air University tour.

Colonel and Mrs. Riddle, the former Juanita Hare of Opp, Alabama, live in Montgomery.

DECORATIONS

American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Occupational Medal (Japan), National Defense Service Medal.

PROMOTIONS

2d lt (temp and perm), 26 May 1939; 1st lt (temp), 21 Feb 1941; camp (temp), 22 Jan 1942; maj (temp), 20 Aug 1942; lt col (temp), 21 Dec 1943; 1st Lt (perm), 5 Jul 1946; maj (perm), 3 Sep 1948; lt col (perm), 12 Jul 1951; col (temp), 7 Apr 1954.

COLONEL F. CLAY BRIDGEWATER, O-19182

Col. F. Clay Bridgewater was assigned as Chief, Army Advisory Group, Air University, in June 1958. Immediately prior to this assignment, he served for a two-year period as Army representative on the Air War College faculty.

A native of New Castle, Delaware, Colonel Bridgewater was graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, in 1933. Prior to World War II, he served with the 6th, 2d, and 12th Cavalry Regiments and attended the Cavalry School Troop Officers Course (1938) and Cavalry School Advanced Equitation Course (1940).

His cavalry career ended in 1941, when he attended the Command and General Staff College and later joined the newly created 77th (Statue of Liberty) Infantry Division, which achieved renown in World War II. Serving successively as a unit commander, G-2, G-3, and Chief of Staff, he remained with the 77th until its deactivation in Japan in 1946.

Subsequently, he returned to the Command and General Staff College to attend the second Command Class and remained as a faculty member during 1946 and 1947.

A Pentagon tour as Executive Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Army was next, followed by faculty duty in 1951-1952 at the Armed Forces Staff College. From there, Colonel Bridgewater was assigned as Regimental Commander, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, for one year. Another school tour took him to the Army War College, from which he graduated in 1954. The same year he went to Turkey as G-3 and Senior Armored Adviser, USA Advisory Group, the assignment he held prior to beginning his Air University tour.

Colonel and Mrs. Bridgewater, the former Sarah Fuller of South Boston, Virginia, live on Maxwell Air Force Base.

DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, European-African-Middle-Eastern Campaign Medal, American

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Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (J Clasp), Philippine Liberation Ribbon (Bronze Service Star), Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, GS Ident., National Defense Service Medal.

PROMOTIONS

2d lt, RA, 13 Jun 1933; 1st lt, RA, 13 Jun 1936; capt, AUS, 7 Oct 1940; maj, AUS, 29 Jun 1942; lt col, AUS, 30 Jan 1943; capt, RA, 13 Jun 1943; col, AUS, 16 Jun 1945; lt col, AUS, 1 Jun 1936; maj, RA, 15 Jul 1948; lt col, RA, 28 Jul 1950; col, AUS, 30 Dec 1950; col, RA, 1 Feb 1956.

CAPTAIN JOHN D. SHEA, 71656

Capt. John D. Shea, U. S. Navy, succeeded Capt. James A. Smith as Chief, Naval Advisory Group, Air University, on 29 May 1958.

A native of Washington, D. C., the Naval Adviser was educated in Washington schools and appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy in 1928. He graduated from the academy in 1932 and received his commission as ensign, U. S. Navy, the same date.

Captain Shea served the following two years aboard the USS Chicago, a heavy cruiser assigned to the U. S. Fleet, then in California waters. In the autumn of 1934, he began aviation training at Pensacola, Florida. Upon completing this training in early 1936, he joined Fighter Squadron 6 aboard the aircraft carrier Saratoga, later transferring to Patrol Squadron 11, Patrol Wing 1.

Upon being detached from Patrol Squadron 11, he returned to Pensacola as a flying instructor. In 1941, he was assigned to Catapult Ship AVC-1 as Officer-in-Charge, and the following year, was transferred to the aircraft carrier USS Lexington.

In 1943, Captain Shea became Chief Staff Officer for the Utility Wing Pacific Fleet. Two years later he commanded the USS Orca, a seaplane tender, which participated in the Bakini bomb tests. In 1947, he was ordered to duty as Officer-in-Charge of Boca Chica Field, Key West, Florida.

After serving on the staff of Rear Admiral Davidson in 1948, he became Commanding Officer of the U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Florida.

Assignment to the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, took Captain Shea to London, England, in 1950. He returned to the States in 1952 to enter the Air War College and graduated in the class of 1953.

The following three years, he acted as Professor of Naval Science at the University of Rochester, New York. In 1956, he departed for the British West Indies,

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where he commanded the U. S. Naval Station at Trinidad until his recent assignment to Air University.

Captain and Mrs. Shea, the former Marie Louise Raby of San Francisco, California, have four children - James, who is now attending the U. S. Naval Academy; Sharon; Dennis; and Cathleen.

PROMOTIONS

LtJG, 2 Jun 1935; lt, 1 Jun 1940; lcdr, 15 Jun 1942; cdr, 8 Nov 1942; capt, 1 Jul 1951.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HUGH J. RAY, 5357A

Lt. Col. Hugh J. Ray became Inspector General, Air University, on 27 June 1958, succeeding Col. Burton W. Armstrong, Jr., who became Air University Chief of Staff the same day.

Prior to assuming his present position as Inspector General, Colonel Ray acted as Chief, Inspection Services Division, Office of the Inspector General.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in July 1934, Colonel Ray entered active duty on 17 January 1941, as a first lieutenant, Field Artillery. During World War II, he spent two and one half years in the Southwest Pacific Theater of War, transferring to the Air Corps in 1943.

Reverting to inactive status in January 1946, he received his B. A. degree at the University of Louisville the same year. He attended Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary the following year and, later, the Protestant Episcopal Seminary in Virginia.

Recalled to active duty again in November 1947 as a Regular officer, Colonel Ray served a short tour as Group Stock Control Officer, 104th Air Force Base Unit, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York.

In 1948, he entered the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program as Assistant Professor of Air Science, Western Kentucky State College. The following year, he established the AFROTC program at his alma mater, the University of Louisville, where he served three years as Professor of Air Science.

An overseas tour, beginning in June 1952, took Colonel Ray to France, where he served, successively, as Wing Adjutant General, Director of Personnel, and Wing Personnel Officer, Headquarters, 38th Bomb Wing (L).

Colonel and Mrs. Ray, the former Alyce Byers of Louisville, Kentucky, have five children: 1st Lt Hugh J. Ray, Jr., USAF, stationed at Forbes Air Force Base, Kansas; Linda; Alan; David; and Robert.

DECORATIONS

Air Defense Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal,

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HUGH J. RAY, 5357A (continued)

American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal,
Air Force Reserve Medal with one Hourglass Device;
National Defense Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation,
AFLSA with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

PROMOTIONS

1st lt, 6 Jun 1938; capt, 27 Mar 1941; maj, 6 May
1944; lt col (AUS), 17 Jan 1946; capt (R. A.), 10 Oct
1947; maj (perm), 2 Jan 1949; lt col (perm), 10 Dec 1953.